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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0451

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: JOINT APPROACH ON NAMIBIA

REF: (A) CAPE TOWN 446; (B) STATE 90558

1. BEGINNING OF SECOND PARA REF (A) SHOULD HAVE READ "SEEMS UNLIKELY APPROACH CAN BE MADE UNTIL RPT UNTIL NEXT WEEK." REGRET OMISSION.

2. FRENCH AMBASSADOR LEGENDRE TOOK TRAIN TO PRETORIA SUNDAY, APRIL 20, HAVING CABLED PARIS ON SATURDAY FOR INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHETHER HIS COUNSELOR COULD REPRESENT HIM IN JOINT APPROACH SOONEST OR WHETHER LEGENDRE MUST RETURN TO CAPE TOWN, WHICH HE COULD DO AT THE EARLIEST ON THURSDAY, APRIL 24. FRENCH HOPE HAVE REPLY BY 10 AM LOCAL APRIL 21 PERMITTING COUNSELOR HUGUES HOMO TO JOIN BOTTOMLEY AND ME FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT.

3. SA FONMIN MULLER KNOWS JOINT DEMARCHE ON NAMIBIA IS COMING AS HOMO SOUGHT UNSUCCESSFULLY TO ARRANGE TRIPARTITE APPOINTMENT FOR LATE ON FRIDAY, AFTER WHICH MULLER STOPPED BOTTOMLEY BRIEFLY IN PARLIAMENT LOBBY TO ASK WHAT REQUEST WAS ABOUT AND
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WHETHER IT WAS LIKELY TO AFFECT CURRENT DEBATE. BOTTOMLEY

CONFIRMED IT WAS ABOUT NAMIBIA, BUT OPINED THAT IN VIEW OF FACT
VORSTER HAD ALREADY SPOKEN ON NAMIBIA, HE DID NOT SUPPOSE IT
WOULD AFFECT CURRENT DEBATE. MULLER ASKED IF DEMARCHE WAS TO
PROPOSE A PLEBISCITE, BUT BOTTOMLEY DECLINED TO GO INTO SUBSTANCE
BEYOND NOTING THAT SAG WOULD PROBABLY NOT FIND THE PROPOSALS
PLEASING. MULLER REMARKED THAT HE HAD OBTAINED A DENIAL OF EARLIER
PRESS STORIES (CAPE TOWN 417) REPORTING A "KISSINGER INITIATIVE TO
PROPOSE A UN PLEBISCITE" IN NAMIBIA.

4. WILL ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE WHEN APPOINTMENT IS SET.
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